LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES
February 1 and 2

LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Rita Jones, Ann Siebott
8:00 a.m. D. J. Breitbach, Chris Porter

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Maurice Devolder
8:00 a.m. Mary Gray
Homebound D. J. Breitbach

SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Kennedy and Owen Thornberry
8:00 a.m. John Glaesemann, Aiden Fleischmann

ROSARY LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Rick Bouchard
8:00 a.m. Chris Porter

SACRISTANS
5:00 p.m. Maurice and Pat Devolder
8:00 a.m. Tim Long

USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Don Vogel, Cathy Vogel

MONEY COUNTERS
Feb. 2 Stephanie’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS
Feb. 8 Hilide’s Team

CANTORS AND ACCOMPANISTs
5:00 p.m. Kaitlin Long with Judy Wolf
8:00 a.m. Renee Edenberg with Daniel Young

LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES
February 8 and 9

LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Guy Emhoff, Lori Merrigan
8:00 a.m. Shirley Baldwin, Janice Motta

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Cindy Glass
8:00 a.m. Cathy Vogel
Homebound Cathy Vogel

SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Tawn Glass, Zander Peck
8:00 a.m. Ryan Canaan, Wyatt Newman

ROSARY LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Rick and Nancy Bouchard
8:00 a.m. Bob and Shirley Baldwin

SACRISTANS
5:00 p.m. Stephanie Lewis, Mary Ann Battliner
8:00 a.m. Don and Cathy Vogel

USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Henry Saubers, Bill Ruth

MONEY COUNTERS
Feb. 9 Elise’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS
Feb. 15 Louise’s Team

CANTORS AND ACCOMPANISTs
5:00 p.m. Kaitlin Long with Judy Wolf
8:00 a.m. Renee Edenberg with Daniel Young

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GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH
January 26, 2020

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God’s Choices
Jesus did not choose the best. He chose disciples who were dense, who fought with each other, who jockeyed for leadership, who asked stupid questions, and who ran away while he hung dying. They were not the best. They had no experience in public speaking, anger management, catechesis, team building, or chairing committees.

And yet the church survived. One of the proofs that Christianity is divinely inspired is that our founders did not know what they were doing, and still the faith spread far and wide.

St. Paul told the Corinthians that God chose “the foolish of the world to shame the wise,” “the weak … to shame the strong,” “those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something.” He was not talking about the apostles. He was talking about the Corinthians. God chose them, even though they were not the best. God did this so that people would not trust in their own strengths, but would trust in God.

God can use people no matter how limited their gifts are. All around us are people God has chosen for ministry. They may not be the best at what they do, but they do it because God wants it done.

God does not always choose the best. But God chooses people anyway. God wants you for something too. Have you ever said no because you thought you could not do it? Might it be that God will do it, once you say yes?


Reflection: Temptations to Complain

At times we are tempted to complain. When tempted to question God and His perfect love and perfect plan, know that this temptation is nothing more than that...a temptation. In the midst of that temptation to doubt and question God’s love, renew your trust and abandon your self-pity. In this act you will find strength (See Diary #25).

What is it you have complained about the most this week? What most tempts you to be angry or annoyed? Has this temptation led to feelings of self-pity? Has it weakened your trust in God’s perfect love? Reflect upon this temptation and see it as a means of growing in love and virtue. Often times our greatest struggle is a disguise for our greatest means of holiness.

Lord, I am sorry for the times I complain, get angry and doubt Your perfect love. I am sorry for any feelings of self-pity I have allowed myself to fall into. Help me, today, to let go of these feelings and to turn these temptations into moments of deeper trust and surrender. Jesus, I trust in You.

This reflection can be found at: divinemercy.life/2020/01/27/reflection-28-temptations-to-complain-2/

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FLU PRECAUTIONS It’s that time of year. To protect yourself (and others) from the spread of germs, hand sanitizer is available in the vestibule. It is perfectly acceptable to refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available at St. Bridget Parish. You can easily access the web page by going to the parish website or by scanning the QR code below. Electronic giving allows you the freedom to set up a regular monthly donation transaction, change your current transactions, or give a one-time gift to St. Bridget. We have 42 families who currently utilize electronic giving every month via a checking or savings account or by using their credit card. Electronic giving is an easy and consistent method of donating to St. Bridget. Now, you can have more control of your donating activity. All transactions are administered by a secure provider, Vanco Systems which then integrates with our church census software to account for donations. Your transactions are secure, and your data protection is very important. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC CURSILLO MEN’S RETREAT

The next Cursillo is February 20—23, 2020. The 3-day weekend is the start of the Cursillo journey. Those interested in attending must be a stable, adult-aged Catholic who can validly receive the Sacraments. It is suggested that recent converts should wait 2 years before attending. It starts on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Francis in Independence. It concludes Sunday by 8:00 p.m. Those attending the weekend must be able to attend the entire weekend and will stay at the facility. A free will donation is taken up on Sunday to cover the costs of the weekend. Scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance. Money is never to be a reason for someone to not attend Cursillo. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS TRAINING

Do you feel called to serve St. Bridget Parish in the role of a Lector of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? The parish is in need of additional helpers in these areas. Please discern what He is saying to you. The following are dates and locations of upcoming workshops to receive training:

- Lector Training Workshop Saturday, February 22nd, 9:00—11:00 a.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (O’Hara Room) Kansas City, Missouri
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Workshop Monday, February 24th, 6:00—8:30 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (O’Hara Room), Kansas City, Missouri. Light dinner provided. Please contact the parish office no later than the day prior to the workshop to register.

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AT SEEDTIME

A Day of Prayer At Seedtime will be held on Tuesday, February 4th. Abbot Benedict Neenan, OSB, will preside for the main diocesan celebration in the Conception Abbey Basilica at 11:45 a.m. In the past, the Church marked certain times of the year. These included prayers for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time, as well as prayers for the Blessing of Fields and Gardens. As the planting season begins in late winter or early spring, it is traditional for gardeners and farmers to seek God’s blessing on their seeds and crops. Those wishing to stay after Mass for lunch need to make a reservation by contacting guest services: 660-944-2809; guests@conception.edu. Lunch is $8 and can be paid upon arrival at the dining hall. All are welcome.

DR. SCOTT HAHN TO SPEAK IN LEAWOOD, KS

World renowned theologian and Catholic speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn, will be speaking on the importance of Scripture and the riches of our Catholic faith on Friday, April 17, 2020, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Leawood, Kansas beginning at 6:00 p.m. Registration and more information can be found at https://stpaulcenter.com/leawood and on the St. Bridget Facebook page. Registration cards will soon be available in church.

FROM FATHER VOGEL

Clarifying what some people may have mistakenly heard from last weekend’s homily, I am NOT leaving the priesthood. I have always been a firm believer in the devil being real. He was able to confuse this priest, but he lost the battle, only by God’s grace. There are many reasons why he wants to get rid of a Catholic priest. Right now, it is connected to the fact that I am beginning what could be a great asset to St. Bridget parish in starting up the First Friday Masses to help live out the Sacred Heart devotion, and the fact that St. Patrick’s church has been practically renovated in the past three months. The Sacred Heart devotion is a devotion that has 12 Promises that are hard to comprehend that we could receive if we live out this devotion.

Satan by far is the worst entity that has ever existed. Choosing himself over God, Satan is forever living in a state of misery because he cannot ever regain God’s grace. Thus, Satan tries to make everyone else miserable in their lives by tempting us constantly so that we too may lose God’s grace and lose entry into heaven.

This is why our Lord became enfleshed in the Incarnation: that we may have even greater power to resist Satan and all of his empty promises. The primary tools are the sacraments in the Catholic Church. The secondary tools are the sacramentals in the Catholic Church. Our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving come together for the main diocesan celebration in the Conception Abbey Basilica at 11:45 a.m. In the past, the Church marked certain times of the year. These included prayers for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time, as well as prayers for the Blessing of Fields and Gardens. As the planting season begins in late winter or early spring, it is traditional for gardeners and farmers to seek God’s blessing on their seeds and crops. Those wishing to stay after Mass for lunch need to make a reservation by contacting guest services: 660-944-2809; guests@conception.edu. Lunch is $8 and can be paid upon arrival at the dining hall. All are welcome.

2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS

Feb. 16: Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday
March 1: DREAM Fund
March 22: Catholic Relief Service
April 5: DREAM Fund
April 10: (Good Friday): Holy Land
May 3: DREAM Fund
May 17: Tomorrow’s Priests: Vocation Fund
May 31: Peter’s Pence
June 7: DREAM Fund
June 21: Communications
July 5: DREAM Fund
Aug. 2: DREAM Fund
Aug. 15: THE ASSUMPTION (not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020)
Aug. 16: Diocesan Life & Justice
Sept. 6: DREAM Fund
Sept. 20: Church in Latin America
Oct. 4: DREAM Fund
Oct. 18: Mission Sunday
Nov. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 1: DREAM Fund
Dec. 6: DREAM Fund
Dec. 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Dec. 13: Religious Retirement
Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS

Gifts on the Altar of Sacrifice? Do we offer Him our resolution to amend our ways and to change our life?

Begin something new for yourself so that Satan may have less of a hold on you and the Grace of God is reigning more within you.

Father Vogel

To be a disciple of Christ, YOU'RE STRENGTHENED BY THE SACRAMENTS.
MASSES THIS WEEK

INTENTIONS, READINGS, ANTIPHONS

Saturday, February 1
5:00 p.m. † Troy Brinkoetter

Sunday, February 2
The Presentation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 9
5:00 p.m. Confession

Saturday, February 8
6:00 p.m. Confession

Friday, February 7
6:00 p.m. Confession

7:30 a.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 5
6:00 p.m. Confession

Tuesday, February 4
5:00 p.m. Confession

Monday, February 3
5:00 p.m. Confession

My eyes have seen your salvation,
Ps 112:4-5,6-7,8-9 | 1 Cor 2:1-5
Mk 5:13-16
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 94 (94): 6-7
O come, let us worship God and bow low before the
God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 107 (106): 8-9
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for
the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and
the hungry he fills with good things.
Or: Mt 5: 5-6
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be con-
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Confessions prior to weekday and Sunday Masses
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REPORTING ABUSE

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to
combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a vic-
tim of sexual abuse, or you observe or suspect sexual
abuse:
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 392 -
3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18),
and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call
911, and
3. After reporting to civil and law enforcement
authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor
or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe
Cravon, at (816) 812-2500 or
cravon@ombudsmankcsj.org. If the abuse involves
a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Dio-
ce of Kansas City — St. Joseph.
The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing
care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse
and their families. Please contact the Victim Services
Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or
chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Altar and Rosary Society will meet on Thursday,
February 6th in the Adult Education Room at 7:00 p.m.
A rosary will be prayed in the church during adoration
at 6:30 p.m. All women of the parish are welcome and
encouraged to attend. Hostess: Cathy Meyer; Ceme-
tery/Altar Cloths: Susan Zaner.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

DATE CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY

The Knights of Columbus have moved their meeting this
month to Thursday, February 6th at 7:30 p.m. in
Ledwidge Hall due to Confirmation being the following
Thursday.

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Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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the whole world. This is an invitation to come fall in love
with Him.
5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
6:30 p.m. - 6:45 pm Adoration, Litany of the Sacred
Heart, Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart, silent
prayer, Benediction.

This Week at St. Bridget

Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 1
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 2
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. EDGE Middle School Youth Group

Monday, February 3
No Mass

Tuesday, February 4
8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Confessions
8:25 a.m. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 5
5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. SOR beginning with Mass
6:30 p.m. That Man Is You
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith

Thursday, February 6
8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
After Mass - 6:00 p.m. Adoration
6:30 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society Rosary
7:00 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Friday, February 7
No Mass
9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study
5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass

Saturday, February 8
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 9
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
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Wednesday, February 13 7:00 p.m. Confirmation